

*The Fortnightly Rant***The Don Who Couldn't Think Straight**

First thing Sunday morning, when many of his evangelical supporters were presumably in church, President Donald J. Trump took to Twitter to malign his former lawyer:

"Remember, Michael Cohen only became a 'Rat' after the FBI did something which was absolutely unthinkable & unheard of until the Witch Hunt was illegally started. They BROKE INTO AN ATTORNEY'S OFFICE! Why didn't they break into the DNC to get the Server, or Crooked's office?"

There was, of course, no "break in"—the FBI had a search warrant. But what's one more lie from this guy? The *Washington Post* used to maintain a database of his lies. It seems to have given up on October 30th, when the total stood at 6,420.

After complaining bitterly about an FBI search that was legal, Trump suggested that the Agency ought to break into the headquarters of his political enemies. How typical. He decides to act Presidential for once, and emulates the only one who was forced to resign. Such contempt for his oath of office would be shocking if it came from anyone else. From him, it's just Sunday.

Twitter is magic: it forces even rambling blatherers to be concise, if not coherent. The results of that process can be transformative. Trump set out to vent his ire at Cohen, but ended up writing a 46-word confession. All Cohen did was tell the truth to law enforcement. If that makes a lawyer a rat, it makes his ex-client a criminal.

We now interrupt this Rant for a very, very brief quiz. Who said, "China has total respect for Donald Trump, and for Donald Trump's very, very large brain." Correct! It had to have been the President, because who else would say that?

Tweeting a confession out to fifty million people, though, doesn't seem particularly bright. Maybe Fran Lebowitz was right: "Everyone says he is crazy—which maybe he is—but the scarier thing about him is that he is stupid. You do not know anyone as stupid as Donald Trump. You just don't."

How dumb is he? He's so dumb he cornered himself in the Oval Office; granted, with a little help from his enemies Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer. Let us give credit where it's due: it takes a special mix of stupidity and criminality to violate the laws of geometry.

Here's a more disturbing question: how

dumb was it for the country to let him in?

Let's face it, this is all so bizarre it's tough for even this newspaper to deal with. The only rag with the chops to handle this level of surrealism is the *National Enquirer*.

Wait a minute—we almost forgot. It was the *National Enquirer* that put him in office, by shelling out \$150,000 to "catch and kill" Karen McDougal's story about boffing the future President while Melania, the former nude model and future First Lady, was sitting at home in tacky Trump Tower, tending to their new baby.

Journalistic ethics would seem to require, then, that the *Enquirer* recuse itself. That leaves covering this beat up to us, which isn't going to be easy. Under ordinary circumstances, reporting on an amoral sociopath being crushed by the legal consequences of a lifetime of exceptionally sordid crimes is something we could handle with nary a qualm. This time it's a little different. We suspect it has something to do with that button on his desk that could launch 1,800 nukes.

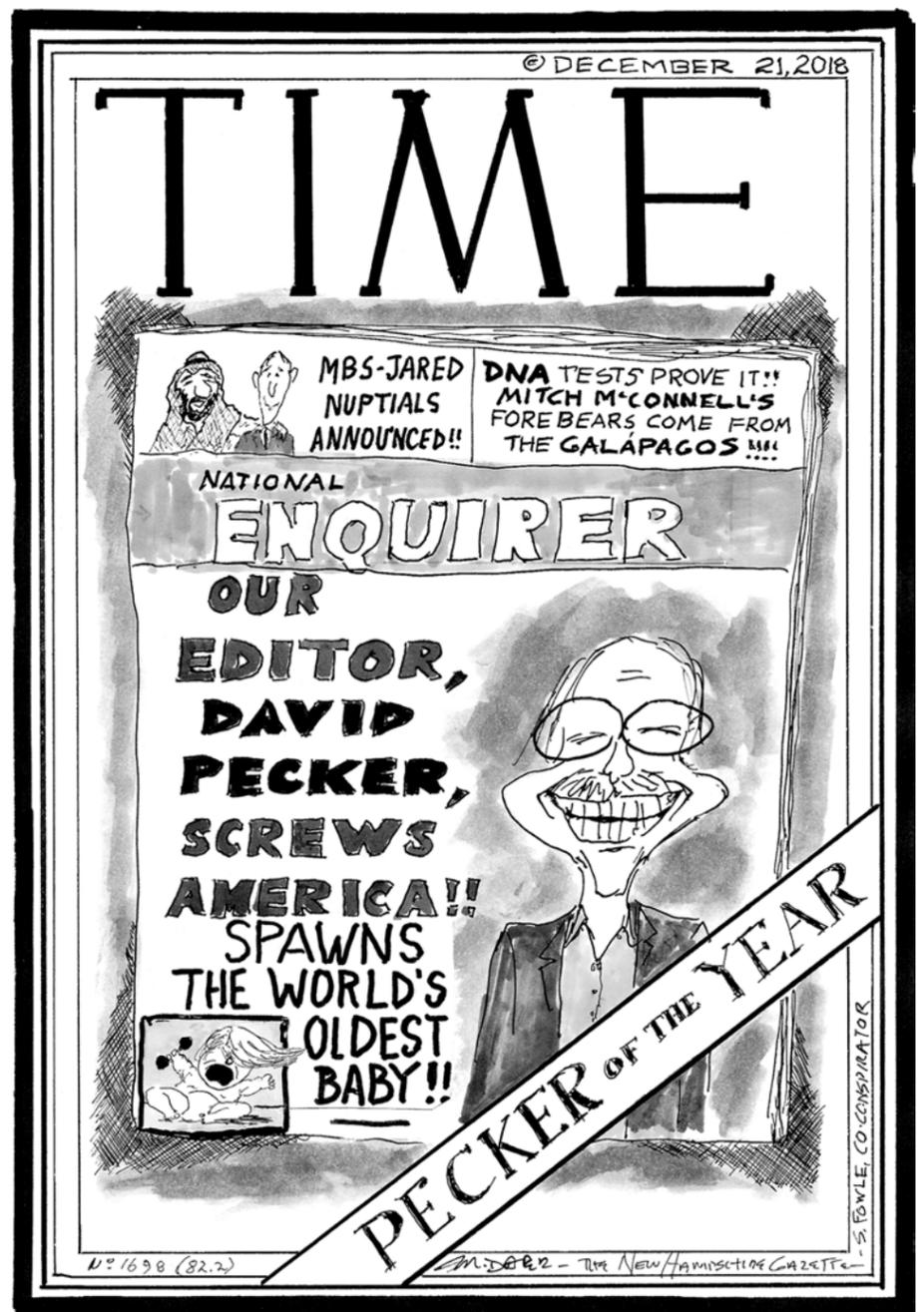
No one has the authority to take away his "nuclear football," but at least the New York Attorney General has barred him from serving on the boards of any New York charities.

In a statement, AG Barbara D. Underwood said that her office had uncovered "a shocking pattern of illegality involving the Trump Foundation—including unlawful coordination with the Trump presidential campaign, repeated and willful self-dealing, and much more. This amounted to the Trump Foundation functioning as little more than a checkbook to serve Mr. Trump's business and political interests."

Donald Trump is besieged on all sides. Perhaps his bruised and fragile ego will be bolstered by the knowledge that he has recently achieved a rare distinction: a newly-discovered species has been named after him. Aidan Bell, who runs a sustainable building materials company, paid \$25,000 for the right to name a new species of caecilian recently discovered in Panama.

*Dermophis donaldtrumpi* is a blind worm about four inches long that has thin skin and lives with its head in the sand.

This is actually the second species named after the 45th President. The first was *Neopalpa donaldtrumpi*, a micro-moth which "bore an uncanny resemblance to Mr. Trump because of the yellowish-white scales on its



head," according to *The Telegraph*.

"It is hoped," the paper asserted, without specifying by whom, "that naming the new moth after Mr. Trump will highlight the critical need for further conservation in fragile areas such as the habitat of the new species which is under serious threat from urbanisation." This delusional pipe dream was published days before Trump's inauguration. No doubt the dream has long since vanished, and *Neopalpa donaldtrumpi*'s habitat with it.

Two species is two more than most people can claim, but Trump is unlikely to ever surpass his predecessor. Thirteen species of animals have been named after Barack Obama,

along with one species of lichen. Don't tell Trump, though—he's still got that button.

It's enough to make one wonder, how will this all end?

Let's hope it's not in a nuclear inferno brought on in part by a tabloid newspaper.

If not by fire, then what about water? No, even at the rate the ice is melting, D.C. will still be above sea level in 2020, and even in—God forbid—2024.

Let's be optimistic and presume that justice finally catches up to Donald Trump, and his taxidermied sidekick Mike Pence, too.

Who does that leave as President, then? The Speaker of the House, you say?

*The Alleged News®***What do most Americans want? Who cares? It doesn't matter. They can't have it.**

The oaf in the Oval Office got there for myriad reasons. Many Democrats found their candidate uninspiring. Her campaign was inept. James Comey's intervention certainly had some effect, as did the Russian social media campaign.

Without the seething anger of tens of millions of Americans, though—not all of whom were racists, despite there being plenty of racists among them—none of those factors would have had the power to put our singularly inept and corrupt incumbent into the White House.

The results of this rage-voting are tragic and deplorable. Much of the motivation behind it, though, is justified. Laudable, even. What merit

hath passivity in the face of constant insult and injury?

It's quite popular in some circles these days to hark back to the halcyon days of Our Founders, when Original Intent was inscribed on parchment by some ink-stained geek wielding a goose feather. Why, it's the next best thing to stone tablets . . .

More often than not this brand of nostalgia-porn focuses on the inviolable rights of property—implying that those without property can go pound sand. That's a pretty narrow take on an agreement that also promises to "insure domestic Tranquility," and "promote the general Welfare"—never mind that

Declaration "that all men are created equal."

Yet here in this singular bastion of freedom, wealth and income inequality are at unprecedented levels. Productivity and corporate profits have risen steadily for a generation, while wages have been stagnant. Homes and college educations are unaffordable. Illness can spell bankruptcy.

If a person is so fortunate as to have found some tolerable niche, and is reasonably confident that their basic needs are being met without constant, frantic effort, they may find it hard to imagine the visceral appeal of a bloated, barking fount of hatred.

For a person whose only option has ever been to sell his life by the hour, and that to a buyer who has always had the power to dictate all the terms, that angry voice at least expresses a justified rage that's welcome nowhere else. Casting a vote for the personification of your frustration may not—will not—stop the futile treadmill. It will register your protest, though, against a rigged system. That's not nothing.

This situation is unlikely to improve so long as the system pumps out fresh evidence daily which puts the spotlight on its own corrupt nature. For example, let us take that favorite bugaboo of the Right, the Internal Revenue Service.

**Cheap Shots at an Easy Target**

Nothing, since the ratification of the 16th Amendment in 1913, has raised the ire of the wealthy quite like the IRS. Of course, nobody likes the IRS, and why should they? Every time you get a paycheck, it's already taken out a bite. Then, every April, it puts you through a wringer of anxiety and costs you money to boot. As with so many things in this world, though, the IRS represents different things to different people.

The vast majority of Americans with middling incomes have little hope of getting any kind of break

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from the tax man. He's already gotten his FICA taxes out of every dollar you've earned—unless you're among those lucky few making over \$128,400 a year, in which case, from there on, it's all yours. Your tax return may bring a sting, or maybe you'll get something back. Either way, it's a marginal difference.

Once you've cracked into the top brackets, though, there are serious savings just waiting to be reaped. Tap into the right obscure provision and verdant fields of deductions will open up before you—provided you can afford, shall we say, truly expert

assistance.

Of course, taking that approach involves assuming a certain risk. Conveniently, that risk has a street address: the IRS Building, at 1111 Constitution Ave, in Washington, D.C. Inconveniently, it's against the law to nuke the building. Other methods must be used to hinder its workings.

One of them is firing up the Right Wing's Mighty Wurlitzer. We do not speak here of Frank Wisner's Operation Mockingbird, in which the CIA's top spook used witting and unwitting news organizations, journalists, and front groups all over the world to spread anti-communist propaganda—a global network he



Our Lurking Photographer got it into his head to visit the City's new, \$26.2 million Foundry Place Garage and North Mill Pond Lighthouse the evening of Friday, December 14th. The weather was pleasant enough for the season—neither cold, nor wet, nor windy. In short, a perfect evening for a night out, dining, or Christmas shopping, or ... well, lurking. The only vehicle on the top floor—the top three floors, actually—was a Police Department cruiser. Vehicles were still quite sparse on Level Three (middle row, right). Level Two was less than one-quarter full, and there were— for this town—plenty of spaces available on the ground floor.

claimed he could play "like a Mighty Wurlitzer."

No, we refer to the vast network of fiefdoms, the American Enterprise Institute, the Heritage Foundation, Freedomworks, the Cato Institute, Grover Norquist, &c., &c., *ad nauseam*, more than amply funded by a tiny fraction of the income of the one percent.

Their incessant attacks on the IRS and taxation in general serve to amplify the general public's natural antipathy towards the tax man. The more universal the loathing, the more cover for attacks on the agency from Republican Members of Congress.

**Mission Accomplished**

This sustained direct assault on the legitimacy of the IRS appears to have been a fine investment. The results are plainly visible in this headline from *ProPublica*: "After Budget Cuts, the IRS' Work Against Tax Cheats Is Facing 'Collapse.'" In articles published October 1st and December 11th, Jesse Eisinger and Paul Kiel surveyed the damage.

Cuts reduced the agency's budget

from \$14 billion down to \$12, a full 14 percent. Its enforcement staff has been reduced by one-third. The audit rate has plummeted—it's down by 42 percent. Criminal referrals are down 44 percent.

Chuck Pine, formerly the third-ranking criminal enforcement officer at the IRS, told *ProPublica*, "Due to budget cuts, attrition and a shift in focus, there's been a collapse in the commitment to take on tax fraud. ... I believe there are thousands of individuals who have U.S. tax obligations and are not complying with U.S. tax laws."

Here is where the true nature of our two-tiered system is revealed:

"The result is huge losses for the government. Business owners don't pay \$125 billion in taxes each year that they owe, according to IRS estimates. That's enough to finance the departments of State, Energy and Homeland Security, with NASA tossed in for good measure. *Unlike wage earners who have their income separately reported to the IRS, business owners are often on the honor system.*"

The bottom line: "Corporations and the wealthy are the biggest beneficiaries of the IRS' decay. Most Americans' interaction with the IRS is largely automated. But it takes specialized, well-trained personnel to audit a business or a billionaire or to unravel a tax scheme—and those employees are leaving in droves and taking their expertise with them. For the country's largest corporations, the danger of being hit with a billion-dollar tax bill has greatly diminished. For the rich, who research shows evade taxes the most, the IRS has become less and less of a force to be feared."

**Don't Forget to Shoot the Wounded**

It is not enough, though, for the rich to prosper—the poor must be made to suffer.

"Under continued pressure from Republicans, the IRS has long made a priority of auditing people who receive [the earned income tax credit], and as the IRS has shrunk, those audits have consumed even more resources, accounting for 36 percent of audits last year. The credit's recipients—whose annual income is typ-

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**A More Perfect IRS**

That’s how the system works. How do people think it should work? Gallup asks that question regularly.

Sixty-two percent of people think that those in upper-income brackets don’t pay enough taxes. Not a great surprise. Too bad Congress disagrees with the people.

What about people in low income brackets? Does anyone think they should pay higher taxes?

Yes. A whopping 16 percent of those polled think so. What bracket do you suppose they’re in?

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**Dems Put GOPers At Risk in State House**  
New Hampshire House Republican Leader Dick Hinch (R-Merrimack) released the following statement in response to the House Rules committee voting 6-4 to amend House Rules to prohibit the carrying of firearms in Representatives’ Hall: “Although this is not unexpected,

I am extremely disappointed in today’s vote by the Rules Committee to prohibit the carrying of firearms in the House chamber. There are far more pressing issues facing our state than immediately taking away House members’ constitutionally protected right to bear arms. By removing this basic right, we are effectively making the chamber a gun-free zone and [a] less safe environment for our colleagues.”

Fran Lebowitz, in a March interview with the *Guardian*, was asked if she owns a gun.

“Of course I don’t have a gun!”, she told Brigid Delaney.

“Who are these people that love guns? These people who love Trump and they love guns, these are the most frightened people I have ever seen in my life. Who’s after you? They live in the middle of nowhere. I live in New York city and I don’t have a gun. No one I know has a gun.

“In the early 70s, when I was more vulnerable in every way, it was really dangerous. I could have gotten a gun but I never got one. I was an 18-year-old penniless girl in the



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As yet another year draws to a close, we come to that special time when family and friends gather to savor the manifold delights of what is euphemistically called “the holiday season.” This is all well and good in moderation, of course. Some of us, though, enjoy the season just a bit too much. This quartet, for example, can be found most mornings in a certain neighborhood, utterly debilitated by their debauchery.

middle of a dangerous city and I was never as afraid as these men in Texas, living in a state of terror.”

**N.H.’s Crying Nazi Is In The News Again**  
Chris Cantwell, a person so obnoxious he was kicked out of the Free State movement, first graced our pages in June, 2014. He had posted a video online showing himself torching an American flag. The Flag Police found him not guilty by reason of insanity, based on two statements he made. On one hand, he said that “this is the most repressive government in the history of mankind.” On the other hand, he asserted that governments do not exist.

Cantwell achieved a higher level of infamy in August, 2017, during the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va.—the night before James Alex Fields, Jr. drove his Dodge Challenger into a crowd of protestors, killing Heather Heyer and injuring 35 others. Cantwell did his part for fascism by squirting

pepper spray on counter-protestors. He soon earned his nickname “The Crying Nazi” by posting a video showing himself blubbing after learning there was a warrant out for his arrest. After 107 days in the hoosegow, he pleaded guilty to two counts of assault and battery, and was released with the admonition to stay the hell out of the State of Virginia for five years. So apparently we’re stuck with him again.

Fields was found guilty on December 7th, and sentenced to life plus 419 years. The injustice of it all inspired Cantwell to post a diatribe on Gab, the social media platform for those who are so unrelentingly vile that they’ve been thrown off Twitter and can’t get back on. Fields’ conviction is “a mere symbolic victory,” he wrote, which will “drive us toward your complete and total destruction.”

Unless someone threatens to arrest him, in which case he may cry.



**Robinson Crash Kills Aussie Herder**

One man died and another was seriously injured when a Robinson R22 crashed into a riverbed in the Australian outback on November 24th. Campbell Tyler, 47, worked for a cattle company. His co-worker suffered leg and chest injuries, and was taken to a hospital in Alice Springs. Australians regularly use helicopters to herd cattle.

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**Celtic Music is Back at the Press Room**

Finally, some good news: have you been missing the old Friday night sessions at the Press Room, Bunky? A tradition since 1982, they’re back now, with minor adjustments.

The Anglo-Celtic Traditional Folk/Roots Session is now held on Sunday afternoons, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Linn Schulz is leading the shindig, so you know it’s the real deal. No cover charge.

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**Since You Asked ...**

To the Editor:

The judicial punishment for murder, in the distorted mind of liberals, is often equated with the barbarous act of the perpetrator of the crime. This view has the effect of drawing a moral equation between the acts. In so doing the real victim is not only forgotten, the one who committed the murder now becomes the victim. This distorted logic shows an inability to differentiate good from evil or right from wrong. To put the murderer and the victim on the same level by equating the acts is degenerate thinking.

The death penalty shows the just outrage society has at the act. It also makes the statement that life is so precious that the only just penalty is for the perpetrator to forfeit his own precious life. And since the only person who can forgive the act is the victim, and the victim is deceased, then the act is unforgivable.

And yes, it is true that there is much hypocrisy exhibited by some people who oppose abortion as they appear to lose interest in the baby after it is born. Furthermore, they might feel the baby is a correct punishment for the woman who dared have a sexual relation just for pleasure. This does not take away from the fact that many people truly oppose the act of abortion on moral grounds, that there is not a constitutional right to abortion, and that abortion is the voluntary taking of a life.

But according to the logic of liberals murder is not murder, except of course if it's judicial punishment.

John Dente  
Wilmington, Del.  
John:

After some study, we think we may understand your argument—which is not to say we agree.

You begin by asserting that liberals often equate the state-sanctioned executions of murderers with the original crimes for which they're being punished. We can't speak for liberals, but, yes, we do believe that intentionally killing people is intentionally killing people, with or without the approval of the state.

From there, though, you extrapolate and hypothesize. You maintain that the

murder victim is forgotten, and imply that the sympathies of the liberal, which would rightly go towards the initial victim, are then transferred to the condemned. That seems to us to impute bad faith: a risky step in a purportedly logical argument, particularly in the absence of any evidence.

You conclude that opposition to the death penalty is evidence of degenerate thinking. Our thinking may in fact be degenerate, but surely you could find more convincing proof.

Murderers kill for a variety of reasons. It's probably safe to say that all of them are bad.

States likewise kill for a variety of reasons: to punish murderers, to acquire or protect foreign national resources and markets, to discourage citizens of other countries from adopting certain political systems. Generally, few of them are defensible. If they were, the propaganda industry would be far less prosperous.

As for abortions, they're not murder. They're acts which are taken, generally reluctantly, by people who have the right to make that decision.

Thank you for your recent renewal, by the way. Your continued generosity in the face of our unrelenting disagreements speaks for itself, and impresses us.

The Editor

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**That Scene in the Oval Office**

Dear Sir:

It was quite a scene today in the Oval Play Pen, aka Oval Office. Mr. Trump had quite the temper tantrum, while turning beet red and all but holding his breath and stamping his feet in front of soon-to-be Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. The reason for this display of a spoiled five-year old was that Congress, and specifically Democrats, are unwilling to fork over the billions of dollars Mr. Trump wants for his wall on the Mexican border. Mr. Trump once again has threatened to shut down our government in order to obtain his wall funding, stating, "I will be the one to shut it down."

What was completely missing from this discussion was the campaign promise that Mr. Trump made over



and over again to his adoring base. For those who may not remember, Mr. Trump repeatedly said that he was going to build a wall and Mexico was going to pay for it. This promise was the cornerstone of the entire Trump campaign. Now, that Mexico does not seem willing to contribute to his wall, Mr. Trump is willing to shut down our government, costing American taxpayers billions of dollars, because he failed to get Mexico to go along with his absurd campaign pledge.

In the absence of Mexico funding the wall, possibly Mr. Trump should revisit his tax for the wealthy 1 percent and use the \$1 trillion of lost revenue to cover the cost of his wall, instead of cutting Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid, as proposed by Senate Majority Leader McConnell. I think those who have benefited most from Trump's economic policies would be more than pleased to do their share to help protect our national security.

Rich DiPentima.  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:

You are slightly more optimistic than we are about the altruistic instincts of the one percent.

The Editor

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**Medicare-for-All Would Be a Bargain**

To the Editor:

According to a recent survey by Reuters, 70 percent of Americans now support Medicare-for-All, a single-payer healthcare system proposed by U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders. To immediately counter these inconvenient results, the Mercatus Center of George Mason University released their own results, paid for by the billionaire Koch Brothers (the Conservative oligarchs who own the Republican Party), with the primary goal of turning public opinion against Medicare-for-All.

Naturally, the conclusions of the Koch Brothers-funded study were

fully embraced by Right Wing politicians beholden to the Koch Brothers, such as soon to be former Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, who said in response to the study: "\$32.6 trillion. That's how much Washington Democrats' single-payer healthcare proposal would cost over 10 years. Even doubling all federal individual and corporate income taxes wouldn't cover this cost. It is just absurd."

Apparently, Speaker Ryan either chose to ignore what he read, or did not read the study in its entirety, or he would have recognized that the Mercatus Center study made a very strong case for Bernie's single-payer healthcare system concept, particularly from a cost savings perspective. Conversely, U.S. Congressman Ro Khanna (D.-Calif.), a strong House Progressive, rebutted Ryan's argument following a thorough reading of the study: "When someone says that Medicare-for-All costs \$32.6 trillion, we should mention how our current system costs \$49 trillion. Medicare-for-All would take the excessive costs of insurance, hospital facility fees, and prescription drugs out of the equation."

So, in addition to 70 percent of Americans calling for Medicare-for-All which would provide all Americans with quality healthcare, the incredible savings over a 10-year period could be used to fund a much needed massive 10-year nationwide infrastructure program. Such an initiative would create tens of millions of jobs for working class people. Additionally, it would bring our third world infrastructure into the 21st Century, including the establishment of infrastructure and energy systems necessary to prevent and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Wayne H. Merritt  
Dover, N.H.

Wayne:

Here's a thought experiment: what if the Oligarchy told the truth?

"We oppose Medicare-for-All because we and our friends have invested billions of dollars—which we wrung out of you *hoi polloi*—tied up in corporations that do nothing for you, but reliably send us nice fat profits anyway. If you think we're giving up that sweet racket without a fight, you really haven't been paying attention."

The Editor

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**A Common Frame of Reference**

Dear Editor:

Sometimes I find it difficult to communicate with people of younger generations and I'm wondering if it has something to do with the loss of what we once took for granted, a common frame of reference. What children of my generation learned about government and our country seems almost disassociated from what children are taught today.

To govern (in my view) means to rule, and the three familiar forms of government, based upon who rules, are (1) those in which authority is vested in one single person; (2) those dominated by several people; and (3) those controlled by many. When ruled by a single individual, such as a king, queen or dictator, this form of government is known as an autocracy. A government is called an oligarchy if a small group, such as landowners, military officers, or wealthy merchants make up the government. If the country's people make up the government and contribute to its decision-making process, that nation's government is known as a democracy.

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democratic system of government. "A democracy exists to give voice to the people and to protect their inalienable rights," John Locke suggested, sowing the seeds for the American Revolution seven decades after his death.

Now, after 400 years of trials, errors and tribulations, we find ourselves in the early 21st century burdened with a form of government known to the ancient Greeks as a kakistocracy. No, that's not mis-spelled, despite what your spell-check might tell you.

A kakistocracy is a system of government run by the worst, least qualified, or most unscrupulous citizens: stupid, ignorant, least suitable, able or experienced (the list is endless).

By definition, the Donald J. Trump administration personifies the entire breadth and depth of a pure kakistocracy and until we figure out how to remove it, we're stuck with it, we own it.

Perhaps the first step is to recognize the danger. We have elected a man who has elevated lying to an art form. Nothing he says can be believed or what he does trusted to be in the best interests of the United States.

He corrupts everyone around him and everything he touches is diminished by his mere presence. Trump (himself a misfit) purposes to surround his administration with people he knows are unqualified to lead. Cases in point: Kathy Kraninger to head the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, has no experience in financial services and has never run a federal agency. Heather Nauert (Trump's pick to replace Nikki Haley as U.S. ambassador to the U.N.), clearly lacks the kind of in-depth policy knowledge and political background the job requires. Expecting her to represent the United States on the U.N. Security Council and in private diplomatic

talks with world leaders, following in the footsteps of renowned individuals such as Adlai Stevenson, George H.W. Bush and Madeline Albright, is beyond ludicrous.

Let us seek wisdom from those who came before us. Our Founding Fathers placed great value on the individual in an American democracy, and believed strongly in the concept of individualism, which dictates that the primary function of government is to enable the individual person to achieve his or her highest potential, making the interests of the individual more important than those of the state.

Anyone who stands in the way of this (and Donald Trump most certainly does) is a very real and a very dangerous enemy of citizens of the United States and of free people everywhere.

David L. Snell  
Franklin, N.C.

David:

*According to our understanding, your use of the term kakistocracy is flawless and without error.*

*You have a point about generations and the passing of time. In our youth there was still an expectation of some level of competency.*

*George W.[M.D] Bush put a lot of dings in that model, but this guy... yeeesh!*

The Editor

### Boros Before Trump

To the Editor:

The beleaguered presidency of Donald J. Trump has, unfortunately, emboldened the baser, darker forces at work in America. Yet it appears that Trump is nonetheless a hero to the MAGA millions.

I believe we can begin the soul-recovery process by recognizing our collective guilt, shame, and remorse over electing Trump. But we can't begin to recover if we're still living a dysfunc-

tional lie. We must overcome our denial. We must face the facts.

I, for one, find the normalization of racism, classism, sexism, militarism, and religious intolerance (the list of evils goes on) does a body politic bad. Suffice it to say, Trump is un-Christ-like.

Mind you, I state this as a Republican candidate for U.S. President. I realize I'm a darkhorse, especially since I'm a write-in, not a shoo-in. But I believe in America's potential to overcome.

Make America great again by voting Donald J. Trump out of office. We can do far better than Trump. Write in Alex J. Boros.

Sincerely,  
Alex J. Boros  
Rochester, N.H.

Alex:

*You have certainly convinced us, as incorrigible voters, that, if the choice were between you and the incumbent, you'd have our vote in a heartbeat. If New Hampshire had ranked-choice voting, we'd certainly vote for you, among others. We cannot make any promises, though, under existing rules.*

The Editor

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### The KKK = Organized Hatred

To the Editor:

We know that recently when an 11th grade Dover High School history class was assigned to write something related to a topic about the post-Civil War period, a couple of students wrote about the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) to the tune of "Jingle Bells."

This assignment has become a moment when we can all learn something about our history and the power of our prejudices. "Racial insensitivity" is hurtful and wrong as we all know. When anti-black, anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic, and anti-Jewish attitudes gain organizational status, prejudices or attitudes take on a whole different power.

Black people have always been a KKK target of murder, lynching, terror, and intimidation. The Ku Klux Klan first formed during Reconstruction after the Civil War. At first, the KKK was an extension of slave patrols, a means to keep recently freed slaves controlled. Subsequently, the power of the KKK faded. When the KKK reemerged in the 1920s, it added Catholics, Jews, and immigrants to their "enemies list." The KKK at that time was so mainstream that local officials proudly joined. In fact, the KKK marched down the streets of Kittery. Finally, the KKK reemerged in the 50s and 60s in response to the civil rights movement after its power waned in the 20s. (See *Wikipedia* and Linda Gordon, *The Second Coming of the KKK*, for more information.)

Some of what's so important and scary about this moment in history is that our President and his supporters have emboldened many to act out their fear and hatred. Our president has targeted immigrant groups among others as the enemy. Shootings resulting in multiple deaths have occurred at temples and churches. Once again, the question of who's a "real American" has raised its ugly head. A recent map sent by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) of active hate groups in the United States shows six in N.H. alone.

The Greek letter for crisis also means opportunity. To my way of thinking, the students and the teacher at Dover High School have helped all of us to think about our personal attitudes, what should happen in our history classrooms, and the effect of all of this on our government's policy and leadership. This is not a trivial or laughing matter. It's crucial that we all confront this ugly history now.

Sincerely,  
Judy Ullman  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Judy:  
Amen.

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*If Jeff Bezos needs skilled digit-heads, let him hire apprentices—and pay them.*  
The Editor

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### Barnabas Takes Umbrage

To the Editor:

Dear fellow Portsmouth property owners: How about our city! Do you love what it did with our latest property tax bill? You know, the one that's due the day after Christmas? Sometimes I just want to cry.

Never mind the tax increases—of course that brings on the water works. I am speaking about the June, 2019, remittance coupon which is also included with the December, 2018, bill. Twofers from City Hall! Meaning we all have to hang on to half a bill for six months! Seriously, where do you put a bill not due for six months? And wonder where the hell the thing got stashed six months from now so we can pay our taxes next summer?! And not lose the 2019 coupon in all the hubbub when paying our 2018 federal taxes in April, 2019. And then hanging on to the stub for paying our 2019 federal taxes in 2020. We should all be crying about now.

But wait, there's more! Remember that second envelope you got and figured it was extra and threw it away? Too bad. The city gave us an extra envelope for next summer's payment. So, unless you're one of the lucky ones who threw it in the trash, we all get to hang on to the extra envelope for the six months, too.

That City Hall, it always has our best interests at heart: if it isn't encumbering us with its paperwork and record-keeping duties, it's infuriating street closings, rerouting traffic into seemingly endless mazes. Or street closings every other week for some road race. Or parking-meter increases which feel as though they occur every week and a half. I'm told by reliable authority that living in Portsmouth these days is enough to bring on the fantods.

But fantods or not, there is some good news. By sending out only one tax mailing a year instead of two, the

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# Hunting Davis Hill

by William Marvel

Halfway between my house and the last shelf of land above Black Cat Swamp stand two enormous hardwoods. One is an oak and the other an ash, and both lean precariously. From one angle they appear to cross each other, and from another they seem to bend away from each other. Twenty years ago I cut a lot of firewood around them, but left them standing, and loggers have always been warned away from them. They represent a landmark of my childhood.

In the late autumns of the 1950s, it seemed that my father's best opportunities for employment conflicted with the times I most wanted him to take me hunting. Seldom could he take a day off during the week, and on weekends when the weather was good he always had endless winterizing chores around this house and at my grandmother's, just down the road. Sometimes he would come home a couple of hours early and take me down to the head of that

slope toward the swamp. Raking up fallen leaves, we would make a nest for ourselves between that oak tree and the ash, which already towered over the new growth from a 1940 logging operation. There we would watch for deer ranging up from the swamp.

Hunting was then the only activity that interested me enough to lure me away from my books and toy soldiers. I suppose the chance to carry a loaded rifle beyond the rule-heavy confines of our target range formed part of the attraction. So, too, did the opportunity to go deeper into the woods than I was allowed to go on my own—at least after that solo snowshoe trek in which I lost my way in the dusk, forcing the old man to come wallowing after me as the mercury plunged. I also relished the feeling of being surrounded by woodland creatures I could not see, for even as a child I preferred most animals to most people.

It took me many years to realize that the strongest appeal of our hunting was the time it gave me

alone with my father, who was always willing to regale me with his stories. The nest between the two big trees served as a perfect spot for that, because we never saw a deer there. In fact we never saw one anywhere in South Conway in those days, because all the neglected farms and orchards had made this part of town a mecca for local nimrods since the 1920s, and they had pretty well picked it clean. Talking therefore did no harm, and sometimes we built a little fire.

Often, the stories began with hunting because that was supposedly what we were doing, but they always digressed into something else. I had already seen the photo shown here, of the eight-point buck he shot behind my grandfather's house in November of 1946, and his account of dragging it up the hill made me half-hope that we wouldn't bag one too far from the house. That story led him to think of the Brownfield fire, eleven months later, when he was home on leave again and loaded up his car and my grandparents' new



Reuben Marvel

Oldsmobile while they watched the course of the fire from an upstairs window. My preference tended toward stories of his teenage years on Davis Hill, or his childhood on Cape Cod. Between the oak and the ash he would tell me of listening to Civil War veterans spin their yarns on the porch of a barber shop in Orleans, or about the time he and

his neighbors watched a German U-boat shell a tug off Nauset Beach.

As we trained our beagle to run rabbits behind the crumbling French place, my father recounted old Bill French's last hunting expedition. Bill, who was about 80, went into the swamp with his rifle one November day around 1920, got confused, and spent the night there—coming back unarmed the next day. One of the loggers who timbered off Davis Hill two decades later found the rifle leaning against a tree, rusty but intact, and a few years ago I held it in my hands.

In his own 80s, my father exchanged his Winchester for a light carbine. He went out every year, but the buck he shot in 1946 was his last. I've sometimes wondered if that was by design, because none of my own pleasure in his favorite pastime came from killing a deer. I first did that several years later, and have never liked hunting since. Still, I cherish the memory of it.

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That oughta dry up them tears.  
Barnabas Umbrage  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Barnabas:

Come on, now, don't hold back—tell us what you really think!

The Editor

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### Surely it's Just a Coincidence

Dear Editor:

"I am proud to shut down the government." The White House Occupant's words were spoken, and tweeted, like a true agent of Putin's Russia.

Sadly,  
Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont, Calif.



Bruce:  
Oh, ye of little faith!  
The Editor

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**Another Introduction Too Long by Half**  
[Note: CrookedTimber.org is a relatively old blog, having been founded in 2003. It also appears to be relatively influential, as those things go. Its name, taken from a line by Immanuel Kant—"Out of the crooked timber of humanity, no straight thing was ever made," seems to suggest that its authors share a generally realistic view of things.

Henry J. Farrell, one of its 15 writers, posted an item on March 21, 2018, headlined, "The travesty of liberalism."

Farrell is a professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University.

"The travesty of liberalism" took a look at a disagreement between Jonathan Chait and Sean Wilentz, two nominally left-of-center writers, over the correct use of terms like liberal, progressive, and socialist. Farrell, to his credit, concludes by dismissing both Chait and Wilentz as "two middle aged liberal men yelling at the world," and "cosplay[ing] the days of the New Republic's imperialist glory."

We relate all the above merely in order to provide the context for a comment which was appended to the orig-

inal post by someone named Frank Wilhoit.

Chait and Wilentz are fairly well known. Farrell is less so, but not obscure. Judging from his scant internet footprint, Wilhoit seems almost to be hiding. What we have been able to determine is that he is a designer of computer architecture for the electric utility industry, and a composer of contemporary classical music. Readers can hear his work at BroadHeath.com. (We're listening to Sonata in E-flat major for Tuba and Piano, Op. 27 as we write this.)

We go to this much trouble, and use this much space, because Wilhoit's comment, in our view, deserves a promo-

tion from mere obscure comment. It should be called, Wilhoit's Law. — The Ed.]

### Wilhoit's Law

There is no such thing as liberalism — or progressivism, &c.

There is only conservatism. No other political philosophy actually exists; by the political analogue of Gresham's Law, conservatism has driven every other idea out of circulation.

There might be, and should be, anti-conservatism; but it does not yet exist. What would it be? In order to answer that question, it is necessary and sufficient to characterize conservatism. Fortunately, this can be done very concisely.

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## A bawdy house of bad right-wing ideas

by Jim Hightower

If you're wondering where Congress' next truly bad idea will come from, keep an eye on a secretive far-right-wing outfit called ALEC—the American Legislative Exchange Council.

It's a legislative bawdy house with an exclusive corporate clientele. The Koch brothers, AT&T, ExxonMobil, and other giants pay ALEC to hook them up with Republican

state lawmakers who're ... well, on the make. In exchange for sponsoring the corporations' special-interest bills, the legislators gain corporate sugar-daddies to fund their future campaigns. It's a hanky-panky quid pro quo that produces litter after litter of bad laws.

Consider one that is an absolute corporate wet dream, for it would remove the people's power to elect our United States Senators, letting state legislators choose them. This

maneuver to take power from the people and turn it over to for-hire legislators would return America to the days of outright auctioning of Senate seats. Until the people passed the 17th Amendment in 1913, Senators were chosen in backroom deals between corporate bribers and crooked lawmakers, and ALEC's draft proposal is bluntly succinct: "The Seventeenth article of Amendment ... is hereby repealed." Back to the future!

This idea of ripping off the people's democratic power is being touted by such intellectual giants as Rick "Oops" Perry, the corrupt ex-governor of Texas who's now turning tricks for oil and nuclear power conglomerates as Trump's energy secretary. Perry wails that the 1913 law letting the public elect senators "took the states out of the process." So now Rick and other corporate supremacists want to take the People out of the electoral process so the

state can control it. The corporate state, that is.

To repeal this repeal effort by plutocratic extremists, connect with Common Cause: [CommonCause.org](http://CommonCause.org).

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Populist author, public speaker, and radio commentator Jim Hightower writes *The Hightower Lowdown*, a monthly newsletter chronicling the ongoing fights by America's ordinary people against rule by plutocratic elites. Sign up at [HightowerLowdown.org](http://HightowerLowdown.org).

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There must be in-groups whom the law protects but does not bind, alongside out-groups whom the law binds but does not protect.

There is nothing more or else to it, and there never has been, in any place or time.

For millenia, conservatism had no name, because no other model of polity had ever been proposed. "The king can do no wrong." In practice, this immunity was always extended to the king's friends, however fungible a group they might have been. Today, we still have the king's friends even where there is no king (dictator, &c.). Another way to look at this is that the king is a faction, rather than an individual.

As the core proposition of conservatism is indefensible if stated baldly, it has always been surrounded by an elaborate backwash of pseudophilosophy, amounting over time to millions of pages. All such is axiomatically dishonest and undeserving of serious scrutiny. Today, the accelerating de-education of humanity has reached a point where the market for pseudophilosophy is vanishing; it is, as *The Kids Say These Days*, tldr. All that is left is the core proposition itself—backed up, no longer by misdirection and sophistry, but by violence.

So this tells us what anti-conservatism must be: the proposition that the law cannot protect anyone unless it binds everyone, and cannot bind anyone unless it protects everyone.

Then the appearance arises that the task is to map "liberalism," or "progressivism," or "socialism," or whateverthefuckkindofstupid-

noise-ism, onto the core proposition of anti-conservatism.

No, it ain't. The task is to throw all those things on the exact same burn pile as the collected works of all the apologists for conservatism, and start fresh. The core proposition of anti-conservatism requires no supplementation and no exegesis. It is as sufficient as it is necessary. What you see is what you get:

**The law cannot protect anyone unless it binds everyone; and it cannot bind anyone unless it protects everyone.**

— Frank Wilhoit

<http://crookedtimber.org/2018/03/21/liberals-against-progressives/#comment-729288>

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### Yankee Blowback

[Note: William Blum [pronounced 'Bloom'], historian and author of *Killing Hope: U.S. Military and CIA Interventions Since World War II* and *Rogue State: A Guide to the World's Only Superpower*, died on December 9th. We published a number of articles by Blum over the past 11 years. This piece ran in our issue of Friday, July 25, 2014. We reprint it here to honor his memory, and demonstrate his continued relevance.]

The number of children attempting to cross the Mexican border into the U.S. has risen dramatically in the last five years: In fiscal year 2009 about 6,000 unaccompanied minors were detained near the border. Homeland Security estimates for the fiscal year 2014 the detention of as many as 74,000 unaccompanied

minors. Approximately 28 percent of the children detained this year are from Honduras, 24 percent from Guatemala, and 21 percent from El Salvador. The particularly severe increases in Honduran migration are a direct result of the June 28, 2009 military coup that overthrew the democratically-elected president, Manuel Zelaya, after he did things like raising the minimum wage, giving subsidies to small farmers, and instituting free education. The coup—like so many others in Latin America—was led by a graduate of Washington's infamous School of the Americas.

As per the standard Western Hemisphere script, the Honduran coup was followed by the abusive policies of the new regime, loyally supported by the United States. The State Department was virtually alone in the Western Hemisphere in not unequivocally condemning the Honduran coup. Indeed, the Obama administration has refused to call it a coup, which, under American law, would tie Washington's hands as to the amount of support it could give the coup government. This denial of reality still persists even though a U.S. embassy cable released by Wikileaks in 2010 declared: "There is no doubt that the military, Supreme Court and National Congress conspired on June 28 [2009] in what constituted an illegal and unconstitutional coup against the Executive Branch." Washington's support of the far-right Honduran

government has been unwavering ever since.

The questions concerning immigration into the United States from south of the border go on year after year, with the same issues argued back and forth: What's the best way to block the flow into the country? How shall we punish those caught here illegally? Should we separate families, which happens when parents are deported but their American-born children remain? Should the police and various other institutions have the right to ask for proof of legal residence from anyone they suspect of being here illegally? Should we punish employers who hire illegal immigrants? ... on it goes, decade after decade. Those in the U.S. opposed to immigration declare that the U.S. does not have any moral obligation to take in these Latino immigrants.

But the counter-argument to this last point is almost never mentioned: Yes, the U.S. does have a moral obligation because so many of the immigrants are escaping a situation in their homeland made hopeless by American intervention and policy. In addition to Honduras, Washington overthrew progressive governments which were sincerely committed to fighting poverty in Guatemala and Nicaragua; while in El Salvador the U.S. played a major role in suppressing a movement striving to install such a government. And in Mexico, though Washington has not intervened militarily since 1919, over the years the U.S. has

been providing training, arms, and surveillance technology to the police and armed forces to better their ability to suppress their own people's aspirations, as in Chiapas, and this has added to the influx of the oppressed to the U.S., irony notwithstanding.

Moreover, Washington's North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), has brought a flood of cheap, subsidized U.S. agricultural products into Mexico, ravaging campesino communities and driving many farmers off the land when they couldn't compete. The subsequent Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) has brought the same joys to the people of that area.

These "free trade" agreements—as they do all over the world—also result in government enterprises being privatized, the regulation of corporations being reduced, and cuts to the social budget. Add to this the displacement of communities by foreign mining projects and the drastic U.S.-led militarization of the War on Drugs with accompanying violence and you have the perfect storm of suffering followed by the attempt to escape from suffering.

It's not that all these people prefer to live in the United States. They'd much rather remain with their families and friends, be able to speak their native language at all times, and avoid the hardships imposed on them by American police and other right-wingers.

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## ADMIRAL FOWLE'S PISCATAQUA RIVER TIDAL GUIDE (NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES)

Portsmouth, arguably the first town in this country not founded by religious extremists, is bounded on the north and east by the Piscataqua River, the second, third, or fourth fastest-flowing navigable river in the country, depending on

whom you choose to believe. The Piscataqua's ferocious current is caused by the tide, which, in turn, is caused by the moon. The other player is a vast sunken valley — Great Bay — about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon

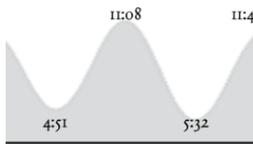
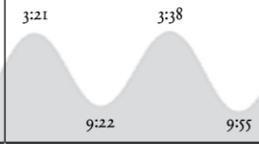
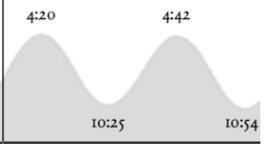
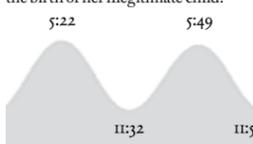
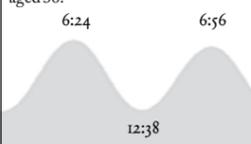
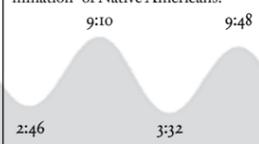
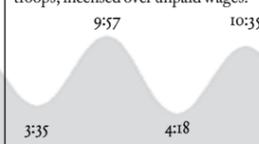
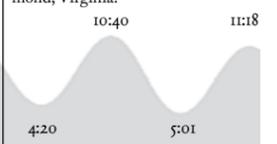
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

moves from the mouth of the river, up past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats, and on into Great Bay. This can best be seen when the tide is rising.

Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the seawater that just fought its way upstream goes back home to the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. Look for the red buoy, at the upstream end of

Badger's Island, bobbing around in the current. It weighs several tons, and it bobs and bounces in the current like a cork. The river also has its placid moments, around high and low tides. When the river rests, its tugboats

and bridges work their hardest. Ships coming in laden with coal, oil, and salt do so at high tide, for more clearance under their keels. They leave empty, riding high in the water, at low tide, to squeeze under Memorial Bridge.

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<p><b>2004</b>—NASA reports that the asteroid Apophis has one chance in 233 of hitting Earth in 2029.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—Tipped off by a Boston FBI agent that he's about to be arrested, James "Whitey" Bulger takes a powder. He's on the lam for 16.5 years.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—The airplane <i>Voyager</i> lands in California, having circumnavigated the world nonstop.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Basement digging causes the Foye Building, next to the Portsmouth Athenaeum, to partially collapse.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—FBI officials begin scheming to "neutralize" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with wiretapping, bugging, infiltration, sabotage, and blackmail.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—James Kutcher, a legless WW II vet, has his disability payments cut off, too, because he's a member of the Socialist Workers Party.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—In Korea, 21 American POWs refuse to go home. In response, the CIA starts a mind-control program.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—Japan's General Hideki Tojo is hanged as a war criminal.</p> <p><b>1927</b>—Two policemen are mortally wounded when a bank in Cisco, Texas is held up by a gang whose leader wears a Santa Claus suit. A standing \$5,000 reward for shooting bank robbers inspires a gun battle: four more die and eight are wounded.</p> <p><b>1776</b>—"These are the times that try men's souls ..." —Thomas Paine's pamphlet <i>The Crisis</i> is read aloud to the Continental Army, days before their victory at Trenton.</p>	<p><b>2003</b>—Responding to credible intel, Mike Hayden tells his British counterpart to take over his NSA duties if al Qaeda nuked D.C. on Xmas.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush pardons Caspar "Cap" Weinberger, Bob McFarlane, and 4 other Iran-Contra creeps, coincidentally protecting his own sorry self.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—The Soviet Army enters Afghanistan to prop up the Marxist government. Oops.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Her airliner having fallen apart after being hit by lightning two miles above the Amazon, Juliane Koepcke, 17, falls into the jungle and survives with minor injuries.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Nine G.I.'s are KIA and 9 WIA by "friendly fire" in Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Curt Flood writes a letter to Bowie Kuhn which ends up emancipating big league ball players.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—The crew of <i>Apollo 8</i> photographs Earth rising behind the moon.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—VC blow up the Brink Officers Quarters in downtown Saigon, killing two and injuring 107.</p> <p><b>1913</b>—During a union Christmas party at the Italian Hall in Calumet, Mich, thugs hired by copper bosses yell "Fire;" 73 die, 59 are kids.</p> <p><b>1883</b>—Increasingly deranged since his stabbing by John Wilkes Booth during Lincoln's assassination, Maj. Henry Rathbone murders his wife.</p> <p><b>1865</b>—Six Confederate veterans boozing it up in Pulaski, Tenn. form the KKK.</p>	<p><b>1989</b>—Romania celebrates Christmas and freedom by putting former President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena before a firing squad.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—A Robinson R22 flying 500 feet over Huntsville, Ala., goes bang, falls apart, and plummets to earth, killing the pilot and a passenger.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—Four Santa Clauses are arrested in Plymouth, Mass. for climbing the fence at a nuke plant.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Marshall Fields, wearing Arab garb, crashes a Chevy Impala through the White House fence and up to the North Portico. Four hours later he surrenders.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—In Birmingham, Ala., civil rights activist Fred Shuttlesworth survives the bombing of his home.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—In Mims, Fla., a bomb explodes under the home of NAACP leaders Harry T. and Harriette Moore on the night of their 25th anniversary. Both die, no one is indicted; the state concludes 55 years later that four long-dead Klansmen did it.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—Demonstrators at the White House demand the release of jailed conscientious objectors.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—German and British troops leave trenches, sing Christmas carols, shake hands, and share smokes.</p> <p><b>1868</b>—President Andrew Johnson issues unconditional pardons for all those involved in the "Southern Rebellion."</p> <p><b>1802</b>—In Portsmouth, N.H., 132 buildings are destroyed by fire.</p>	<p><b>2004</b>—A massive tsunami kills 300,000 around the Indian Ocean.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—Americans learn a new euphemism from the <i>Washington Post</i>: "extraordinary rendition" means kidnapping and torture.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—From a pool of 1,500 candidates, the press selects JonBenet Ramsey as the most important child murdered in the U.S. this year.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—The Supreme Soviet meets one last time and dissolves the USSR.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Disgruntled Vietnam Vets occupy the Statue of Liberty.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—"American troops are the defense, protection and salvation ... of our country [and] civilization itself," says Cardinal Spellman.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—<i>Time Magazine</i> names "The Younger Generation" the "Man of the Year," further exacerbating a pandemic of unwarranted self-esteem.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Harry Frazee sells Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees.</p> <p><b>1913</b>—Writer and perennially-disgruntled Civil War veteran Ambrose Bierce allegedly pens one final letter before vanishing in Mexico.</p> <p><b>1908</b>—Jack Johnson beats Tommy Burns in 14 rounds, becoming the first black heavyweight champ.</p> <p><b>1862</b>—Under orders from President Lincoln, the U.S. Army hangs 39 Santee Lakota Sioux on one huge gallows.</p> <p><b>1787</b>—In Carlisle, Pa., an anti-Federalist mob wielding barrel staves bludgeons and nearly kills Constitution-framer James Wilson.</p>	<p><b>1994</b>—A Robinson R22 helicopter being flown "for pleasure" loses its tailboom over Zurich and crashes into an apartment building. Somehow only the pilot and a passenger die.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—In San Diego, Cara Evelyn Knott is strangled by on-duty Highway Patrolman Craig Alan Peyer.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Supreme Court Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist checks into a hospital to kick his Placidyl habit and end the hallucinations.</p> <p><b>1900</b>—Carrie Nation hatchets-up her first saloon, at the Carey Hotel, in Wichita, Kan.</p> <p><b>1895</b>—In Bill Curtis's St. Louis saloon, William "Billy" Lyons foolishly — and fatally — grabs "Stagger Lee" Shelton's Stetson hat.</p> <p><b>1827</b>—Georgia proclaims "the lands of Georgia belong to her absolutely. The Indians are tenants at her will." Indulgent solons give the indigenous inhabitants three years to get west of the Mississippi.</p> <p><b>1763</b>—Sixteen of the few living Conestoga Indians, huddled for protection in the Lancaster, Pa. workhouse, are mysteriously deserted by their guards. A mob known as "the Paxton Boys" hacks 14 of them, mostly children, to death. There is no investigation; no one is ever charged.</p> <p><b>1739</b>—A large crowd gathers to witness New Hampshire's first executions: Sarah Simpson and Penelope Kenny are hanged in Portsmouth for infanticide.</p>	<p><b>2013</b>—Congress ends long-term unemployment benefits to 1.3 million Americans, damaging the economy to the tune of an estimated 240,000 jobs.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—Terry Dolan, Republican critic of gay rights, dies of AIDS.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—Dr. George Graham, of President Reagan's Task Force on Food Assistance, says black children are "probably the best-nourished group in the U.S." —citing athletes as proof.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—In space, the crew of Skylab goes on strike to protest over-work and micro-management. NASA meets the demands of the astronauts.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—The Akron, Ohio Chamber of Commerce denounces the Soap Box Derby as a cheat and a fraud.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—At the White House, 88 Nam vets are busted for protesting their war.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—A DC-3 disappears with 32 on board in an area soon known as the Bermuda Triangle.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Congress recognizes the "Pledge of Allegiance," authored by Christian Socialist Francis Bellamy.</p> <p><b>1936</b>—Sit-down strikers close Cleveland's General Motors plant.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—H.L. Mencken publishes a phony history of the bathtub, now widely accepted as gospel.</p> <p><b>1879</b>—As legendary stagecoach driver "One-Eyed Charlie" Parkhurst, 67, is prepared for burial in Watsonville, Calif., it becomes clear that he was a she — namely, Charlotte Darkey Parkhurst, born in Lebanon, N.H. in 1812.</p>	<p><b>2006</b>—The UK pays off its \$100,000,000 WW II debt to the U.S.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—Playwright Vaclav Havel becomes President of Czechoslovakia.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Eleven people are killed and 74 wounded when a bomb explodes in a storage locker at LaGuardia Airport. The crime remains unsolved.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Operation Linebacker II, which R. Nixon will call "my terrible personal ordeal," ends. U.S. losses: 15 downed B-52s, 12 other aircraft, 43 KIA, &amp; 49 POWs.</p> <p><b>1930</b>—Fred Newton arrives at New Orleans after swimming 1,826 miles down the Mississippi.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—Poisoned, stabbed, beaten, shot three times, and thrown unconscious into the freezing Neva River, the Russian Tsarina Alexandra's favorite faith-healer Grigori Yefimovich Rasputin dies by drowning.</p> <p><b>1900</b>—Harvard prof Albert B. Hart says states where lynching is prevalent should legalize the practice to maintain order.</p> <p><b>1890</b>—The 7th Cavalry massacres about 300 Lakota Sioux men, women, and children on their reservation at Wounded Knee. For this, a grateful nation bestows 20 Medals of Honor.</p> <p><b>1876</b>—A poorly-designed, uninspected railroad bridge collapses in Ashabula, Ohio, killing 92.</p> <p><b>1837</b>—In Buffalo, N.Y., Canadian militiamen burn the U.S.S. <i>Carolina</i>, which has been caught running guns to revolutionaries.</p>
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30	MONDAY, DECEMBER 31	TUESDAY, JANUARY 1	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2	THURSDAY, JANUARY 3	FRIDAY, JANUARY 4	SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
<p><b>2015</b>—At the North Pole, the temperature rises above 32° for six hours.</p> <p><b>2006</b>—Saddam Hussein's inelegant demise is captured by cellphone.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—In Brookline, Mass., John Salvi lives out his "pro-life" creed by killing two health care workers.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—A House Select Committee concludes that conspirators "probably" helped kill JFK and MLK.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Dan Ellsberg is indicted for having set the truth free.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—An unsafe Kentucky coal mine explodes, killing 38 miners.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—American coal miners get protection for their lives and safety through a law signed by R. Nixon.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—Irgun fighters kill six Arabs and wound 42 in a grenade attack at a Haifa oil refinery. Arabs retaliate by beating 39 Jews to death.</p> <p><b>1936</b>—The GM sit-down strike spreads from Cleveland to Flint.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—Italian bombers, two piloted by sons of Il Duce, drop mustard gas on a Red Cross unit in Ethiopia.</p> <p><b>1922</b>—Godless Commies establish the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the ruins of a pious Empire.</p> <p><b>1905</b>—A cabal of miners assassinate Idaho's ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg with a bomb at a gate to his house.</p> <p><b>1903</b>—At 3:15 p.m. fire breaks out in Chicago's new, "fireproof" Iroquois Theater. By 3:30, 600 people are dead.</p> <p><b>1768</b>—Teacher Ruth Blay, 31, is hanged in Portsmouth for concealing the birth of her illegitimate child.</p>	<p><b>1997</b>—Quaker Oats pays \$1.8 million to settle a lawsuit over their secret feeding of radioactive oatmeal to developmentally-disabled kids.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—Bill and Monica enjoy their third tryst in a White House study.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Congress repeals the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Associated Milk Producers, Inc. gets \$100 million in price supports in exchange for its \$2 million donation to the Nixon campaign.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Brothers Dwight and Karl Armstrong drop home-made bombs from a stolen Cessna on a Wisconsin munitions plant. They fail to detonate.</p> <p><b>1952</b>—The Tuskegee Institute reports that for the first time since 1881, a year has passed without a lynching.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—The Israeli paramilitary outfit Haganah kills 20 to 70 Arabs in retaliation for the previous days' Arab retaliation against an earlier Irgun attack against Arabs at a Haifa refinery.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—"I see nothing in the present situation that is either menacing or warrants pessimism," says Treasury Secretary Andrew W. Mellon.</p> <p><b>1904</b>—At midnight, for the first time, a ball drops in Times Square to mark the New Year.</p> <p><b>1901</b>—"This year's U.S. lynching toll: worst ever—105 blacks, 25 whites.</p> <p><b>1879</b>—Edison shows off the first practical electric light bulb.</p> <p><b>1761</b>—Lydia (Hall) Fowle, wife of Daniel Fowle, dies in Portsmouth, aged 36.</p>	<p><b>2006</b>—Speaking to amputee vets of his Iraq War, George W.[MD] Bush says "I have an injury myself [from] combat with a cedar. I eventually won."</p> <p><b>2006</b>—A pilot with "extremely high levels of methamphetamine" in his blood crashes a Robinson R44 in Grand Ridge, Fla. He and two others die in a fiery explosion; 576 feet closer to I-10, and it might have been worse.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—An 80-foot-plus wave hits an oil platform in the North Sea.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—NAFTA kicks in; losers include well-paid union members, Mexican farmers, and the environment.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Ma Bell is broken up into 22 smaller units. It seemed like a good idea at the time.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Nixon cronies H.R. Halderman, John Ehrlichman, and John Mitchell are convicted of felonies.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The pirate station Radio First Termer debuts from a Saigon brothel.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—Batista flees, and Fidel Castro takes over in Cuba.</p> <p><b>1863</b>—President Lincoln proclaims the emancipation of slaves, but only in states which had seceded.</p> <p><b>1804</b>—Haiti proclaims independence as the world's first black republic, the result of a successful revolution.</p> <p><b>1781</b>—Troops at Morristown, NJ, seize artillery and march to confront Congress, seeking back pay.</p> <p><b>1300</b>—Pope Boniface VIII's Jubilee is such a popular success that dozens must be executed to bring the mob under control.</p>	<p><b>1996</b>—At Bill Clinton's invitation, Monica Lewinsky drops by the Oval Office. Sequestered in the bathroom, they violate his marriage vows.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—During a one-hour interview on CBS, Richard Nixon tells Dan Rather that the bombing in Southeast Asia had been "very, very effective." Next day in a note to Hank Kissinger, he tells the truth: "The result = zilch."</p> <p><b>1970</b>—The Supreme Court nixes Gen. Hershey's effort to reclassify all draft protestors as 1-A, or draftable.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—In Florida, 72 men are arrested, thwarting an invasion of Haiti financed by CBS in exchange for exclusive film rights of the landing.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—Outnumbered four to one, vastly outgunned, without helicopters or armor, 350 Viet Cong defeat U.S.-advised ARVN at Ap Bac.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—King Zog of Albania, the only head of state to have fired back at a would-be assassin, abdicates.</p> <p><b>1923</b>—As evidence of his corruption mounts, Interior Secretary Albert Fall resigns. President Harding then offers him a seat on the Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—U.S. Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer has thousands of alleged subversives arrested.</p> <p><b>1905</b>—The I.W.W., aka The Wobblies, "organize" in Chicago.</p> <p><b>1882</b>—Standard Oil reorganizes so as to allow John D. Rockefeller to keep his oil monopoly; laws be damned.</p> <p><b>1872</b>—Brigham Young is arrested for having 24 wives too many.</p>	<p><b>2006</b>—Hotshot Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleads guilty to three felony counts for defrauding Indian tribes and bribing officials.</p> <p><b>1990</b>—Former CIA asset Manuel "The Panamanian Strongman" Noriega, aka "The Pineapple," surrenders to the forces of <i>El Jefe</i>, George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Jack Ruby conveniently dies in prison while awaiting retrial.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Ronald Reagan announces for Governorship of California, claiming it leads in bankruptcies and has 40% higher unemployment than the rest of the country, neither of which is true.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—In Idaho, three military technicians are killed in a steam explosion at a nuclear reactor.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—The U.S. government announces that over 3,000 federal employees have been sacked to quell Joe McCarthy's paranoia.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—Ball turret gunner SSgt. Alan Magee escapes without a parachute from a doomed B-17, falls 22,000 feet, and crashes through the roof of a St. Nazaire railroad station. He dies in 2003 at the age of 84.</p> <p><b>1924</b>—Grave robber/archaeologist Howard Carter gloms onto Tut-an-khamen's gold coffin.</p> <p><b>1892</b>—J.R.R. Tolkien is born in Orange Free State, Africa.</p> <p><b>1891</b>—Oz author L. Frank Baum, writing in the Aberdeen (S.D.) <i>Saturday Pioneer</i>, calls for the "total extermination" of Native Americans.</p>	<p><b>2017</b>—A frozen carburetor causes a Robinson R22 helicopter to stall over San Pedro Bay; it plummets, killing the pilot and a photographer.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—A Robinson R22 flying over Hukerenui, New Zealand makes "a loud noise," sheds its main rotor, and plummets to earth. The pilot and a passenger perish in a fireball.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—George Mellendorf, in Vietnam, mails a letter to the White House complaining of slow mail delivery. His answer arrives in 1978.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—The Free Speech Movement holds its first legal rally.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—During a Minimum Interval Takeoff at Pease AFB, the second of three B-47s crashes and burns; four crewmen die.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—In a New York cab, ex-Commie, ex-McCarthy aide, and ex-editor of <i>Confidential</i> Howard Rushmore shoots his wife then himself.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—The U.S. agrees to pay Japan for nuking the Marshall Islands.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Farmers in Primghar, Iowa, throw a rope around a banker's neck and threaten to lynch him unless he promises to end foreclosures.</p> <p><b>1903</b>—Topsy the Elephant, unjustly accused of being a killer, is fitted with copper sandals, fed carrots laced with a pound of cyanide, and electrocuted by the owners of Luna Park at Coney Island. An Edison crew films the fun.</p> <p><b>41 BC</b>—Rome's Emperor Caligula is murdered by his own disgruntled troops, incensed over unpaid wages.</p>	<p><b>2011</b>—Shortly after he's sworn in, Rep. Frank Guinta [R-N.H.] assures David Koch that he'll attend a party being held for new employees Republican Congressmen.</p> <p><b>1987</b>—President Reagan produces the first trillion dollar budget. It includes a \$147 billion deficit.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—A Robinson R22 helicopter flying over Grenchen, Switzerland makes a noise "like ... a machine gun burst," loses its tailboom, then crashes. The pilot and his wife die.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Mine Workers Union presidential candidate Joe Yablonski is killed on orders of incumbent president "Tough" Tony Boyle.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Feds indict Dr. Spock for expressing concern about the health of his ex-patients now in uniform.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Mutual Broadcasting's John B. Hughes begins an anti-Japanese-American radio campaign that results in the establishment of U.S. concentration camps.</p> <p><b>1937</b>—The Abraham Lincoln Brigade is formed to fight fascism—"prematurely," some say.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—Henry Ford establishes the 8 hour day and \$5/day pay.</p> <p><b>1825</b>—As Alexander Dumas fights his first duel, his pants fall down.</p> <p><b>1776</b>—New Hampshire ratifies the nation's first state constitution.</p> <p><b>1781</b>—Former American General Benedict Arnold assists the British in the burning and plundering of Richmond, Virginia.</p>
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